



**Date:** January 9, 2006  
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**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Subject:** City Report For Week Ending, January 6, 2006

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This *City Report* highlights various activities for the week ending, January 6, 2006. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

**MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

**January 2006 Storm Update**

**Fire**

Fire responded to 86 storm-related incidents, including three major incidents:

- A large boat broke loose from its mooring and ended up on the rocks. As the storm subsided, personnel were able to eventually pull it off.
- A large "billboard" toppled over onto an adjacent house, which was "red tagged" by a Planning and Building Inspector until the damage could be assessed.
- Lifeguards and Fire personnel assisted in the recovery of a 16-year old driver, who lost her life when she crashed into the Cerritos Channel.

There were 49 "wires down" calls; two structure fires caused by electrical mishaps; three stuck elevators caused by water damage; and four rain-related injury traffic accidents. The remaining calls were numerous calls to assist, ranging from individuals needing help with ceilings caving in to individuals who were stuck in their cars in large "lakes" of water.

**Public Works**

**Airport**

- Due to strong wind conditions on January 2, Runway 12 was used throughout the day. Two flights were diverted to LAX due to strong tailwinds. With flights delayed due to weather, the terminal and boarding lounges were packed throughout the evening.
- TSA crews worked outside on wooden platforms and used tarps and sandbags to separate personnel and equipment from the standing water.
- The parking structure elevator was out of service.

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## **January 2006 Storm Update (continued)**

### **Public Works**

#### **Street Maintenance**

- Staff responded to 93 calls related to trees; 27 were for uprooted trees, 23 were for vehicles damaged by trees, and six were for damage done to property (houses, fences) by trees.
- Staff responded to three requests for traffic control, 14 requests for intersection lights out and five calls regarding flooding at various locations.
- It is anticipated that all debris, including palm fronds, will have been cleared by January 9.

### **Library Services**

The upstairs Lobby area in the Main Library was flooded due to a crack in a drainpipe in the ceiling. Other non-public areas on the Plaza and Lower Levels also had water damage. Thanks to the efforts of Public Works staff, the Main Library opened to the public at 10:10 a.m.

The Bay Shore Neighborhood Library suffered water damage in the Family Learning Center.

### **Parks, Recreation and Marine**

In anticipation of astronomical high tides, Beach Maintenance staff, supplemented by four Public Works personnel, made significant efforts to reinforce the shoreline by moving 365 10-yard dump truck loads of sand to various spots along the beach to build berms and replenish eroded areas. Staff worked seven-days-a-week through the holidays to prevent damage to either property or people. Fleet Services rapidly responded to equipment problems.

### **Health and Human Resources**

The Winter Shelter Program, operated by New Image under contract with Los Angeles County, was at its capacity of 180 persons each night during the storm period.

## **MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Long Beach Cares: Long Beach, CA Helping Long Beach, MS**

The City of Long Beach has made a commitment to assist the hurricane-stricken city of Long Beach, Mississippi, in rebuilding its infrastructure. The kick-off for the eight –month campaign, *Long Beach Cares: Long Beach, California Helping Long Beach, Mississippi*, was held on Thursday with a train, two trucks and elected officials. With the City Council's approval, two surplus vehicles were transported to Long Beach, MS, on Thursday, January 5. Facilitated by the Fire Department, a light duty dump truck and pick up truck will arrive in Mississippi via Union Pacific Rail.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS**

### **Harbor Department**

Two hearings have been scheduled to gather public comment on a proposed project to “green” and upgrade infrastructure at the Port’s Middle Harbor terminals. The hearings will be Monday, **January 30** at Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, and Monday, **February 6** at Cabrillo High School, 2001 Santa Fe Ave. The hearings will gather input from residents and other interested parties in the community to guide staff in the preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Report. The Middle Harbor Redevelopment Project proposes to reconfigure terminal land and upgrade equipment to achieve more efficient and environmentally friendly Port operations, as outlined in the Port’s 2005 Green Port Policy.

## **AWARDS**

### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau**

On December 31, during a year-end beach cleanup held at Alamitos Beach, El Dorado Nature Center’s Adopt-a-Beach program received a prestigious *Take Pride In America* award from the United States Department of the Interior and the Clean Beaches Council in Washington, D.C. Despite the rain, approximately 60 people grabbed bags and gloves to scour the beach for trash.

### **Health and Human Services**

On December 13, the local-based Archstone Foundation notified the Department that it had been awarded a \$78,000 two-year grant for an Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program. DHHS will serve as the lead agency to plan and implement a Multi-disciplinary Team made up of first responders, health, mental health and human services providers, senior services providers, legal, educational, financial advocates and Adult Protective Services to address elder abuse and neglect.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Public Works, Airport Bureau**

For two consecutive months, the Long Beach Airport ranked third, among the top 100 U.S. airports, for on-time domestic departure flights. As reported by Aviation Daily on October 11, 2005 and November 8, 2005, Long Beach had 91 percent in August 2005 and 91.8 percent in September 2005.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Fire**

The Fire Department responded to a total of 1,366 emergency calls for service: 190 calls for fires, of which 31 involved structures; and 737 emergency medical calls, of which 539 required paramedics.

## **NEIGHBORHOODS**

### **Public Works, Airport Bureau, Public Affairs Division**

In calendar year 2005, the Airport conducted 57 tours for 1,640 individuals and participated in 50 various community and neighborhood events. Five tours for 122 individuals were given during December 2005.

The interior refurbishment for the new Airport Community Information and Pilot Safety Center (Airport Center) at 4135 Donald Douglas Dr., just north of the Airport Terminal, has been completed and the Public Affairs Division has relocated to its new offices at the Center. The goal of the Airport Center is to provide safety and noise abatement information to the community, passengers and pilots and is open to the public. The facility also includes a visitor information center. Additionally, the Airport Center will also be the location for the new SkyTrak system, the internet-based flight tracking system.

### **Community Development, Parks, Recreation and Marine**

A holiday celebration sponsored by Madres Unidas, a group of involved residents in the Lower West Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Area, in cooperation with the Neighborhood Services Bureau, was held at Admiral Kidd Park on December 17. Over 250 donated toys were distributed to children between the ages of 2-12 years old.

### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau**

The irrigation system and drinking fountains at Grace Park (at the corner of Plymouth Street and Elm Avenue) have been installed and the playground fence will be installed next week.

At Silverado Park, the framing, rough plumbing, and electrical work is 95 percent complete in the locker rooms. Framing in the restrooms is complete and ready for inspection. The entire building is being tented and fumigated this week.

Work is continuing at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park pool and demolition of the old community center at Admiral Kidd Park is complete. A temporary trailer and restrooms have been set up in the park to accommodate community center programs until the new center is available for use.

### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau**

On December 17, Silverado Park, in collaboration with the American Red Cross, hosted its annual Christmas Toy Giveaway. In addition to over 1,000 youth receiving toys, youth were treated to holiday crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit from Santa.

During the weeks of December 26 to January 6, over 1,400 youth and teens participated in *Winter Fun Days* at 25 local parks. Youth participated in indoor/outdoor activities such as arts and crafts, games, sports, tournaments, movies, festive cooking, and outings.

On December 27, 40 teens from Cesar E. Chavez Park joined 200 volunteers to decorate the Long Beach float for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

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### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau**

On December 17 and 18, the Homeland Cultural Center held its *Holiday Festival* weekend with performances from Homeland Culture Center's dance groups and Latin Jazz recording artists, The AC Timba Band. Homeland Cultural Center's Posada capped the events through a partnership with Maria Ballet Folklorico. Tamale dinners, toys, and piñata candy were distributed. Over 300 people attended these events.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau**

More than 500 people enjoyed a *Winter Wonderland* at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on December 17. Mrs. Claus, a giant snow hill, a variety of holiday crafts, music, and refreshments added to the excitement.

On December 17, the Third Annual Holiday Tree Lighting was held at Stearns Champions Park. More than 100 community residents and youth enjoyed holiday caroling, with hot chocolate and cookies.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Special Events and Filming Bureau**

The annual Naples Island Christmas Boat Parade, with an estimated attendance of 40,000, was held throughout the canals of Naples Island on December 17.

The Queen Mary Holiday Carnival, with an estimated attendance of 5,000, was held at the Queen Mary parking lot from December 25 through December 30.

MJZ, with a cast and crew of 210, filmed a TV commercial *America On-Line* on Lew Davis Street (Long Beach City College) on December 19.

Spotty Dog, with a cast and crew of 20, took still photography for AT&T at the Marina Green and the Beach on December 20.

20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, with a cast and crew of 120, filmed a TV show *Arrested Development* at the Queen Mary on December 22.

Radical Media, with a cast and crew of 100, filmed a music video *Missy Elliott* at Veterans Stadium on January 3.

#### **Public Works, Airport Bureau**

Carolers provided holiday cheer to patrons throughout the Terminal and the boarding lounges from December 21 through December 24. Carolers, airport volunteers and employees also distributed candy canes to appreciative passengers.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE**

#### **Public Works, Airport Bureau**

The canopy construction over the South Baggage Claim area has been completed and is now available for use.

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**OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE (continued)**

**Public Works, Street Improvements**

Contact: 570.5160

Anaheim St. St. Louis Ave. to Obispo

**Estimated Completion: January 2006**

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7th St. Junipero Ave. to Redondo Ave.

Del Amo Blvd. Los Angeles River to Long Beach Blvd.

Artesia Blvd. West of Long Beach Blvd. to Harbor St.

**Estimated Completion: January 2006**

Atlantic Ave. North of Artesia Blvd. to a point North of 68th St.

Cherry Ave. North of Artesia Blvd. to 70th St.

Artesia Blvd. East of Obispo Ave. to Downey Ave.

**Estimated Completion: February 2006**

**Long Beach Water, Alley Service Lateral Conversion**

Contact: 570. 2326

Cedar Ave. E. Burnett St. to Hill St.

Chestnut Ave. E. Burnett St. to Hill St.

Pasadena Ave. E. Burnett St. to Pacific Electric Railroad

Linden Ave. E. Burnett St. to 25th Way

**Estimated Completion: April 2006**

**Long Beach Gas and Oil, Gas Pipe Installation**

Contact: 570.2060

71st Way Myrtle Ave. and Orange Ave.

Atlantic Place and Eastondale Ave. 72nd and Myrtle Ave.

Quincy Ave. and Vista St.

**Estimated Completion: January 27, 2006**

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